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 WITH CHROMOPHORES AND
 FLUOROPHORES TO GENERATE
 DONOR-TO-DONOR ENERGY
 TRANSFER SYSTEM

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/724,753, filed on November 28, 2000, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/123,638, filed on July 28, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,162,603, which is in turn a

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